



Waste Reduction Tips for Households

Solid Waste Management Program fact sheet

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Everyone can cut the amount of waste going to landfills. The following is a list of ideas businesses can use to accomplish that goal:

1. Buy in bulk.
2. Buy concentrated products.
3. Reuse cardboard boxes, plastic bags and paper sacks.
4. Invest in durable, quality products rather than disposable ones.
5. Avoid purchasing over-packaged products.
6. Donate used items to charitable organizations.
7. Use a plunger rather than chemical drain opener.
8. Use cloth napkins.
9. Select appliances with good service contracts and warranties.
10. Repair clothes and shoes instead of throwing them away.
11. Buy used items when you can.
12. Use sealable storage containers rather than plastic wrap.
13. If you buy prepackaged single-service microwave meals, save the plastic plates for picnics or use as dinnerware for children.
14. Take a cloth bag to the store rather than using grocery bags.
15. Remove your name from the mailing lists of materials you no longer wish to receive.
16. Use washcloths instead of paper towels.
17. Use bar soap rather than pump soap.
18. Use a shaving mug and brush instead of aerosol canisters.
19. Rent items you use infrequently.
20. Buy refillable or reusable containers. Avoid containers that can only be thrown away.
21. Compost food and yard wastes.
22. Buy rechargeable batteries.
23. Use cloth diapers instead of disposable ones.
24. Donate old magazines to nursing homes, hospitals, etc.

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